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1. On 28 May [redacted] was held in East Berlin under the chairmanship of Heinrich Rau and attended by the chairmen of the Bezirk Councils and the First Secretaries of the SED Bezirk Directorates. The main speech was made by Fritz Lange, [redacted] State Control Commission. Also present were Fred Oelssner of the SED Central Committee; Curt Wach, Minister for Trade and Supply; and Kurt Westphal, Minister for Food Industry.

2. In his speech, Lange spoke in strong terms against Wach and Westphal, accusing them of being directly responsible for the serious food shortage in East Germany.

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